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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, AF
SUBJECT: AFGHAN EX-AMBASSADOR CLAIMS HE IS PARTICIPATING IN
COUNTER COUP PREPARATIONS IN TEHRAN

1. I HAVE RECEIVED A PERSONAL LETTER FROM EX-AMBASSADOR
TO PRAGUE DR. MOHAMMAD RAHIM SHERZOI, POSTMARKED LONDON,
BUT SENT VIA THE DEPARTMENT WHICH STATES, INTER ALIA, THAT HE
INTENDED TO GO TO TEHRAN ON JUNE 20, FOR "SOME WORK" CONNECTED
WITH A COUNTER COUP EFFORT AIMED AT THE "COMMUNIST" GOVERN-
MENT IN KABUL. ACCORDING TO SHERZOI, "WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED
OUR CONTACTS IN THIS MATTER."

2. ALTHOUGH HIS LETTER IS NOT PERFECTLY CLEAR, SHERZOI
IMPLIES THAT HE WILL GO TO THE U.S. FOLLOWING HIS TRIP
TO TEHRAN AND WILL AWAIT THERE THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENTS NO
MATTER HOW LONG IT MAY TAKE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE
REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO
EXTEND THEIR STAY IN THE U.S. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
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HE RESIGNED HIS POST IN PRAGUE, RATHER THAN BE
FIRED BY THE "COMMUNISTS."

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY TO EVALUATE HOW EFFECTIVE
EX-AMBASSADOR SHERZOI MAY BE IN ORGANIZING ANY COUNTER
COUP EFFORT, BUT IT IS INTERESTING THAT HE CLAIMS THAT
SOME UNSPECIFIED STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY HIS

UNIDENTIFIED COHORTS. SHERZO'S IS THE FIFTH SUCH OPPOSITION
"ORGANIZATION" WHICH HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION, AND WE ASSUME
THAT IT WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE THE LAST.
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